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Dear Paul:

I have been trying to reach you by phone, as you know, unsuccessfully in view of the fact that you have been out of town.

What I am writing you about is to ask whether you would join the Board of the Annual Reviews. I don't have to tell you what a distinguished group of predecessors have been involved in the founding and the sustenance of the reviews since Murray Luck started it in 1932. Under Bill Kaufmann's leadership as editor-in-chief, it has pretty well run itself but we do need to have an appropriate body to oversee the general operation and make sure that its policies are in line with the needs of the scientific community. You were our unanimous choice, and especially in the light of Es Snell's retirement, leaving the board after many years of devoted service.

I know that you get many requests, some of them even entirely legitimate, that you feel that you must decline; but I hope you can take a different view of this one. It is pre-eminently local, as you know. So you will not have a burdensome travel obligation! Our custom has been for the full board to meet just once a year, usually in Palo Alto; and while we would like you also to participate in one of our board committees this is not obligatory and can be left to your own taste.

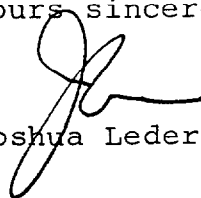
The Annual Reviews have played a historically important role in shaping old and new disciplines and in helping the encouragement of new branches of science as they are emerging. It is also an exemplar of cooperative voluntarism -- so I'm afraid I'm not going to give you the enticement of a large honorarium for the time you give us on the board.

Dr. Paul Berg
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Paul, I think you will find it fun, congenial, and a productive use of your time; and I really do hope you will say yes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JL' with a stylized flourish extending from the bottom.

Joshua Lederberg

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